



CITY OF RIALTO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE UTILITIES COMMISSION
May 20, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

The Regular meeting of the Utilities Commission of the City of Rialto was held in the Civic Center Council Chambers located at 150 S. Palm Avenue, Rialto, California 92376, on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

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This meeting was in accordance with the provision of the **Government Code §54956** of the State of California.

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Barbara Rickman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken by Nicole Hemmans, Senior Administrative Analyst.

Present:

Chair Barbara Rickman
Commissioner James M. Shields
Commissioner Kevin C. Kobbe

Absent:

None.

City staff present:

John Rossi, Interim Utilities Director
Amy Crow, Administrative Analyst
Nicole Hemmans, Senior Administrative Analyst

Also present:

Robert Lee, Customer Service Manager – RWS/Veolia
Andrew Coleman, Field Operations Supervisor – RWS/Veolia
Brandon Stallings, CIP Project Engineer – RWS/Veolia
Frank Garza, Wastewater Chief Plant Operator – RWS/Veolia

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Barbara Rickman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**MOMENT OF SILENCE/
INVOCATION**

Nicole Hemmans led the invocation.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting of April 15, 2025.

Chair Rickman asked if there were any comments pertaining to the minutes.

- ◆ None.

Action

- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe made a motion to approve.
- ◆ Commissioner Shields seconded.
- ◆ All in favor.
- ◆ Motion passed.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Rickman asked if there was oral communication from the audience of items not on the agenda.

- ◆ None.

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NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

UC-25-0350

Municipal Solid Waste Collection, Recycling, Organics, and Disposal Rates for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. (ACTION)

Municipal Solid Waste Collection, Recycling, Organics, and Disposal Rates for Fiscal Year 2025/2026. (ACTION)

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe inquired whether Burrtec is experiencing any difficulties with the disposal of recyclable materials.
 - All the recyclables currently have an appropriate destination. Cardboard and paper represent the highest volume of recovered materials.
- ◆ Chair Rickman inquired on the handling of organics for multifamily homes?
 - Mr. Heftman advised that Multifamily homes pay a mixed organics rate, which allows for organics to be placed in separate or mixed bags.

Action

The Utilities Commission recommended forwarding this item to the City Council/Rialto Utilities Authority for approval:

- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe made a motion to approve.
- ◆ Commissioner Shields seconded.

- ◆ All in favor.
- ◆ Motion passed.

UC-25-0351

Monthly activity report for City of Rialto Waste Management Services. (RECEIVE AND FILE)

Amy Crow went over the Monthly Waste Management Report for the month of May 2025. (April 2025 Reporting Period).

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Commissioner Kobbie asked If a resident digs a hole and plans to bring the excavated soil to the City Clean-Up Day, is it necessary to separate the rocks from the dirt?
 - Per Michael Heftman, the dirt and soil can be bagged together.

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UC-25-345

Veolia's Operations and Maintenance Monthly Report (RECEIVE AND FILE)

Receive and file the Monthly Operations Report from Veolia for the month of May 2025 (March 2025 Reporting Period).

Customer Service update provided by Robert Lee:

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Robert Lee provided a handout showing Water Consumption data since the start of the Concession Agreement.

Water update provided by Andrew Coleman:

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Commissioner Kobbie inquired an update on the lead & Copper sampling in public schools.
 - Andrew Coleman confirmed that the lead sampling for public schools has been completed.
- ◆ Commissioner Kobbie asked for an update on the Lead & Copper sampling for residential homes.
 - Andrew Coleman confirmed that the Lead Copper Rule Regulation deadline was November 16, 2025, in which the city satisfied the requirements.

Wastewater update provided by Frank Garza:

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Chair Rickman inquired on the increase of Alum at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- Frank Garza advised that we had some salts go through the wastewater treatment plant, and Alum was used as a filtration aid.
- John Rossi added that the Wastewater Treatment Plant was operating with only two clarifiers, not three, as one had been taken offline.

CIP update provided by Brandon Stalling:
Questions & Comments

- ◆ None.

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OLD BUSINESS

UC-25-0346

Previous Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

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UC-25-0347

To-Do List

No agenda items were posted for future discussion.

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**UTILITIES DIRECTOR
UPDATES**

UC-25-0349

Utilities Director Update

Interim Utilities Director John Rossi provided an update to the commissioners on the following items:

Utilities Director Update:

- 1) The City renewed the Marketing Agreement with Service Line Warranty of America (SLWA), with a contract extension through June 20, 2027.
- 2) City Well 3A update.

- 3) The Utilities Commission meeting for June has been cancelled.
- 4) Update on Commissioner selections.
- 5) Habitat Nature Center CEQA update.
- 6) Rate consultant update.
- 7) Labor reset update.
- 8) As part of the concession agreement, the water company intends to hire a new General Manager in September who will participate in the Utilities Commission meetings.

Questions & Comments:

- ◆ None.

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Questions & Comments:

- 1) Chair Rickman requested a future discussion item on street sweeping and its enforcement. She noted many inoperable vehicles and vehicles with expired registration that remain parked during scheduled street sweeping, preventing proper cleaning.
- 2) Chair Rickman requested a future discussion item on hazardous communication lines and their relation to the City's tree trimming program.

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ADJOURNMENT

Action

- ◆ Commissioner Shields made a motion to adjourn.
 - ◆ Commissioner Kobbe seconded.
 - ◆ All in favor.
 - ◆ Motion carried.
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- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.